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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

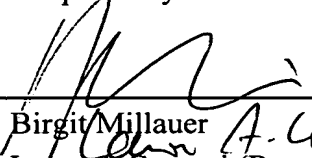
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2000, be extended for a period of 1 month from August 11, 2001 to and including September 12, 2001. Note that September 11, 2001 was an official "Federal Holiday within The District of Columbia."

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes (order no. 8484-081-999).

Respectfully submitted,

Date September 12, 2001


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In response to the species election requirement, Applicants elect for immediate examination the protease related protein. All elected claims read on this species.

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CONCLUSION

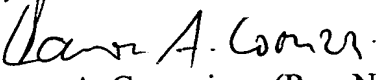
No fee is believed to be due with this response. However, if it is determined that fees are due, please charge them to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes (order no. 8484-081-999).

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